

NHC BRIEFING

26 OCTOBER 1956

LATE NEWS FROM HUNGARY

- I. Yesterday, we received the first detailed report from our Legation in Budapest, adding details to what the press has said about the uprising ~~there~~. In summary:
 - A. The Soviet troops, which were called in to help put down the uprising, arrived in Budapest at 4:00 A.M. on Wednesday. One mechanized infantry division ^{WAS} ~~is~~ estimated to have arrived.
 - B. In Wednesday's fighting, Hungarian troops were held in the background, and the Soviets did the bulk of the fighting. Some Hungarian troops are known to have joined the rebels.
 - C. Some Soviet tanks have been observed by our Legation personnel "going over" to the rebel crowds and subsequently flying Hungarian flags. In fighting observed from the Legation at 11:00 A.M. yesterday, some such tanks under rebel control were fighting other tanks near the Parliament building.
 - D. A 76-truck Soviet artillery convoy, apparently brought in from Rumania, arrived in Budapest as reinforcement yesterday morning.

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- E. Crowds of unarmed demonstrators continued to gather before the US Legation yesterday ^{MORNING} and afternoon, shouting for help. Dead and wounded were visible on the street.**
- F. At the close of the day, our Military Attache reported anti-Government crowds still moving freely in some areas of the city and the Soviet forces proceeding to set up heavy artillery. He stated that one river bridge was in rebel hands, another held by the Soviets and a third controlled by forces of whose allegiance he was uncertain. He concluded that "heavy trouble" might well lie ahead.**

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